



Boston Information Office CPI Announcement

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Table 1. Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. city average and selected areas

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Item and group	All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)						Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)					
	United States		Northeast		Boston		United States		Northeast		Boston	
	Change from Jan. Index	2003	Change from Jan. Index	2003	Change from Jan. Index	2003	Change from Jan. Index	2003	Change from Jan. Index	2003	Change from Jan. Index	2003
Expenditure category												
All items	185.2	1.9	195.9	2.8	208.4	4.3	180.9	1.8	192.6	2.9	206.8	3.8
All items (1967=100) (1)	554.9	-	308.5	-	605.6	-	538.7	-	300.8	-	597.8	-
Food and beverages	184.3	3.5	186.4	3.8	193.0	3.1	183.8	3.6	185.7	4.0	191.4	3.0
Food	183.8	3.5	185.7	3.9	193.4	3.1	183.3	3.7	185.2	4.0	191.8	3.1
Food at home	184.0	4.1	186.0	4.7	187.5	4.3	183.2	4.3	185.4	4.8	184.8	3.9
Food away from home	184.9	2.8	187.8	2.8	204.3	1.8	184.8	2.8	187.7	2.8	206.0	2.0
Alcoholic beverages	189.4	1.9	193.8	2.2	191.8	2.1	189.5	2.2	191.5	2.4	189.8	1.9
Housing	186.3	2.2	204.8	3.5	217.5	6.1	182.1	2.4	201.1	3.6	216.5	5.1
Shelter	215.2	2.0	245.9	3.3	261.7	6.3	209.2	2.1	241.1	3.3	261.6	5.1
Rent of primary residence (2).....	208.3	2.5	229.5	3.6	251.5	3.3	207.4	2.4	228.2	3.5	251.5	3.3
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence (2) (3)	222.6	1.9	257.8	3.2	272.1	4.3	202.1	1.8	226.6	3.2	239.2	4.4
Fuels and utilities	156.3	7.0	151.9	8.6	164.2	10.5	155.6	7.1	151.2	8.6	165.1	10.4
Fuels	139.2	7.5	141.0	9.0	141.5	10.2	138.0	7.6	140.2	8.9	140.4	10.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (2).....	145.5	7.3	152.7	8.8	160.6	9.5	144.7	7.4	152.4	8.6	162.4	9.3
Electricity (2).....	136.2	3.1	136.6	5.6	141.1	7.2	135.5	3.4	136.7	5.6	141.1	7.2
Utility (piped) gas service (2).....	176.6	17.0	184.6	13.7	195.2	13.1	176.8	17.2	184.3	13.5	195.2	13.1
Household furnishings and operations ..	125.3	-1.6	127.5	-0.5	120.0	-0.7	121.0	-1.8	121.6	-1.1	115.7	-1.4
Apparel	115.8	-1.9	113.7	-0.7	129.6	0.9	115.7	-1.4	112.2	-0.4	134.7	1.3
Transportation	157.0	1.0	158.3	1.3	153.7	1.3	154.9	0.2	159.1	1.4	156.5	1.0
Private transportation	153.2	0.9	152.8	1.0	152.8	1.3	152.2	0.1	154.8	0.9	154.6	0.9
Motor fuel	136.7	8.2	134.2	6.7	138.0	5.3	137.1	8.2	134.2	6.7	138.0	5.3
Gasoline (all types)	136.1	8.3	133.5	6.7	136.1	5.2	136.6	8.3	133.5	6.7	136.1	5.2
Medical care	303.6	3.8	323.2	3.8	412.2	5.2	302.8	3.8	319.9	3.9	402.7	5.4
Recreation (4).....	107.9	0.9	109.7	2.0	109.1	0.4	105.6	0.5	108.4	2.0	111.5	1.6
Education and communication (4).....	111.1	1.3	112.2	1.9	114.3	4.3	109.8	0.5	111.0	1.5	113.1	4.4
Other goods and services	301.4	1.7	325.7	3.1	314.5	2.3	309.3	1.2	346.8	3.3	340.9	2.0
Energy	137.4	7.8	138.5	8.0	140.5	8.2	136.9	7.9	137.5	7.9	139.5	8.0

(1)For Northeast, December 1977=100.

(2)This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator.

All other item stratum index series converted to a geometric means estimator in January, 1999.

(3)Index is on a December 1982=100 base.

(4)Index is on a December 1997=100 base.

Area Definitions

Northeast - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire

New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Boston-Brockton-Nashua - PMSAs of Boston, Brockton,

Fitchburg-Leominster, Lawrence, Lowell, Manchester, Nashua,
New Bedford, Portsmouth-Rochester, Worcester

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